

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 17: CRIMES

Chapter 114: DETENTION OF CERTAIN PERSONS SUSPECTED OF STEALING HEADING: PL 2005, c. 199, §1 (rpr)

§3521. DETENTION OF CERTAIN PERSONS SUSPECTED OF STEALING

A store or motion picture theater owner, manager or supervisor, or that person's designee, may detain on the premises in a reasonable manner and for a period of time not to exceed 1/2 hour any person as to whom there is probable cause to believe is unlawfully concealing merchandise or concealing part of or operating an audiovisual or audio recording function of any device in the motion picture theater while a motion picture is being exhibited, without the written consent of the motion picture theater owner. The purposes of detention are: to require the person being detained to provide identification; to verify the identification; to inform a law enforcement officer of the detention and to surrender that person to the officer; to take possession of and hold stolen merchandise or recordings and related equipment pending arrival of law enforcement; and, when the detained person is a minor, to inform a law enforcement officer or the parents or guardian of the minor of the detention and to surrender the minor to the person so informed. [2005, c. 199, §2 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 543, (NEW). 1989, c. 122, §1 (AMD). 2005, c. 199, §2 (AMD).

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